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1. WE UNDERSTAND AND SUPPORT WASHINGTON'S DESIRE TO  
HAVE THOROUGH CONSULTATIONS WITH MAJOR ALLIES ON CW  
POLICY ALTERNATIVES NOW UNDER REVIEW. BUT WE THINK  
IT IMPORTANT THAT THE CONSULTATIVE PROCESS ON CW BE  
CARRIED FORWARD IN A WAY THAT WILL ENSURE THAT (A) US  
POLICIES ARE UNDERSTOOD AND SUPPORTED BY ALL THE ALLIES;  
(B) ALL ARE GIVEN SOME SENSE OF PARTICIPATION  
IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF US POLICIES; AND (C)

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ALLIED SOLIDARITY IS NOT UNDERMINED BY A FEELING ON  
THE PART OF SMALLER ALLIES THAT THEY ARE BEING LEFT OUT  
OF CONSULTATIONS.

2. TO APPRECIATE THE ALLIANCE DIMENSION OF OUR CW POSTURE,  
ONE HAS ONLY TO RECALL THAT THE 1976 MILITARY COMMITTEE  
REPORT ON CHEMICAL WARFARE, AND SUBSEQUENT PERMREPS  
DISCUSSIONS AND DEFENSE REVIEW COMMITTEE WORK ON DEFENSIVE  
MEASURES, WAS SPARKED BY A BELGIAN PROPOSAL FOR STUDY  
OF THIS ISSUE FOLLOWING SIMULATED CW USE BY THE WP AGAINST

DENMARK IN WINTEX 75. WHILE THERE MAY BE SOME AMBI-  
VALENCE ON THE PART OF SMALLER ALLIES REGARDING THEIR  
"NEED TO KNOW" ABOUT CW STOCKPILES AND POSSIBLE CW RETAL-  
IATION, IN LIGHT OF DOMESTIC SENSITIVITIES, THEY WOULD  
REACT SHARPLY TO INDICATIONS THAT THEY ARE BEING  
EXCLUDED FROM CONSULTATIONS ON THE RANGE OF ISSUES  
LISTED IN PARA 3 REFTEL-- PARTICULARLY IN VIEW OF  
RECENT DISCUSSION OF CW AT NATO (REF B). WE THUS SEE  
MERIT IN BRINGING OTHER ALLIES INTO THE CONSULTATIVE  
PROCESS AS EARLY AS PRACTICABLE, EVEN IF OUR INITIAL  
PRESENTATION ON US POLICY REVIEW IS VERY GENERAL IN  
NATURE.

3. ACCORDINGLY, WE RECOMMEND THAT:

A. EVERY EFFORT BE MADE TO ASSURE THE CONFIDENT-  
IALITY OF THE FACT OF CONSULTATIONS ON CW IN LONDON,  
BONN, AND PARIS, AND WITH THE JANANESE.

B. AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE AFTER WASHINGTON HAS  
EVALUATED THE VIEWS OF MAJOR ALLIES, A US OFFICIAL COME  
TO NATO TO BRIEF PERMREPS IN GENERAL TERMS ON APPROP-  
PRIATE POINTS IN PARA 3 REFTEL. WITHOUT GOING INTO SENSI-  
TIVE AREAS THAT MIGHT BE COVERED BILATERALLY, particu-  
LARLY WITH THE FRG, A US BRIEFING AT NATO WOULD GIVE  
THE OTHER ALLIES A SENSE OF PARTICIPATION AT AN EARLY  
STAGE IN US POLICY DEVELOPMENT, AND REDUCE THE RISK THAT  
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SMALLER ALLIES MAY CHARGE THEY HAVE BEEN LEFT OUT.

C. ALTERNATIVELY, WE CIRCULATE A PAPER TO THE  
SYG AND PERMREPS IN LATE MARCH OR EARLY APRIL COVERING  
IN GENERAL TERMS APPROPRIATE POINTS IN PARA 3 REFTEL,  
WITH AN ASSURANCE THAT THE US LOOKS FORWARD TO CONSUL-  
TATIONS WITH THE ALLIES ON CW ISSUES AT THE APRIL 21-22  
NATO DISARMAMENT EXPERTS MEETING.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: GUIDANCE STRAUSZ-HUPE

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